

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Wednesday, July 25, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1234. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, to provide that certain sexual crimes against children are predicate crimes for the interception of communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hatch

Pages S 8203, S 8205

S. 1235. *A bill to make clerical and other technical amendments to title 18, United States Code, and other laws relating to crime and criminal procedure; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

Hatch

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S. 1236. *A bill to reduce criminal gang activities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

"... Finally, the bill directs the United States Sentencing Commission to amend the Federal Sentencing Guidelines to provide an appropriate increase in the offense level for violations of the newly amended section..."

Feinstein

Pages S 8203, S 8207-13

S. 1237. A bill to allow certain individuals of Japanese ancestry who were brought forcibly to the United States from countries in Latin America during World War II and were interned in the United States *to be provided restitution under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Inouye

Pages S 8203, S 8213-14

S. 1249. A bill to promote the economic security and safety of victims of domestic and sexual violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Wellstone

Pages S 8203, S 8235-6

Measure Reported:

S. 407, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (Senate Report No. 107-46)

Pages S 8202-3, D 768

H.R. 2299. Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2299, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S 8155-71, S 8195, D 768

Pending:

Murray/Shelby Amendment No. 1025, in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S 8155-71, D 768

H.R. 2299. Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Cont'd.):

A motion was entered to close further debate on ***Amendment No. 1025 (listed above)*** and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and by prior unanimous consent, the vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, July 26, 2001.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and by prior unanimous consent, the vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, July 26, 2001.

Pages S 8195, D 768-9

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the filing of second degree amendments until 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, July 26, 2001.

Pages S 8249, D 769

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 12 noon, on Thursday, July 26, 2001.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings on **S. 995, to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code**, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, and provide certain authority for the Special Counsel.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee held hearings on **S. 318**, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance, and related genetics research issues regarding employment discrimination and prevention of disclosure of genetic information to third parties.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded oversight hearings to examine the General Accounting Office report entitled "*Critical Infrastructure Protection: Significant Challenges in Developing National Capabilities*," focusing on the operation of the National Infrastructure Protection Center and the fight against cybercrime,

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, July 26, 2001:

Special Committee on Aging: @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine Medicare enforcement actions focusing on the federal governments anti-fraud efforts. SD-124.

Committee on Appropriations: @ 3:00 p.m. ***Business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002; and making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.*** S-128, Capitol.

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, July 26, 2001 (Cont'd.):

Committee on Governmental Affairs: @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings on the nomination of *Lynn*

Leibovitz, of the District of Columbia, to be an *Associate Judge of the Superior Court* of the District of Columbia. SD-342.

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Committee on the Judiciary: @ 10:00 a.m. Business meeting to consider **S. 778**, to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings; **S. 754**, to enhance competition for prescription drugs by increasing the ability of the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission to enforce existing antitrust laws regarding brand name drugs and generic drugs; **S. 625**, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes; **S. 1099, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants**; the nomination of *Asa Hutchinson*, of Arkansas, to be *Administrator of Drug Enforcement*, and the nomination of *James W. Ziglar*, of Mississippi, to be *Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization*, both of the Department of Justice. SD-226.

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Committee Meetings Scheduled:

Committee on Governmental Affairs, 7/30/01 @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the rising use of the drug ecstasy, focusing on ways the government can combat the problem. SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, 7/30/01 @ 1:00 p.m. To hold hearings on the nomination of *Robert S. Mueller III*, of California, to be *Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation*, Department of Justice. SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 7/31/01 @ 2:00 p.m. To hold hearings to examine asbestos issues. SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary, 8/1/01 @ 9:30 a.m. Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights Subcommittee to hold hearings on **S. 989, to prohibit racial profiling**. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary, 8/1/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee to hold hearings on **S. 1233**, to provide penalties for certain unauthorized writing with respect to consumer products. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary, 8/2/01 @ 10:00 a.m. *Business meeting to consider pending calendar business*. SD-226.

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Remarks:

The President's Commission To Strengthen Social Security.

Durbin

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Victims Economic Security And Safety Act.

Wellstone

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Remarks (Cont'd.):

Stalking And Domestic Violence.

Reid

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 2621. A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, with respect to consumer product protection; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hart

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H.R. 2635. A bill to amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to allow States and localities to provide primary and preventive care to all individuals; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Green

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H.R. 2638. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

McKeon

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H.J. Res. 58. A *joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* to limit the number of consecutive terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Platts

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H.R. 2590. Treasury and General Government Appropriations, 2002:

The House passed H.R. 2590, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, by a yea-and-nay vote of 334 yeas to 94 nays, Roll No. 274.

Pages H 4553-H 4622, D 773

"... I am pleased that this bill contains \$15 million for the completion of the new Federal courthouse in Miami. I cannot overemphasize the importance to our region that this facility will have. I know full well the burdens that our courts and judges face today. They have a difficult job in ideal circumstances. However, when these jurists are not given adequate facilities and resources, their job is made that much more difficult. [] Additionally, this bill contains funding for improvements to the Federal building in Jacksonville and to the Federal Courthouse in Tallahassee. Let me be perfectly clear, these are necessary funds; and, frankly, they are needed throughout the country..." (Hastings, Page H 4550)

**See Pages H 4571-2: GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION REAL PROPERTY ACTIVITIES
FEDERAL BUILDINGS FUND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF REVENUE. (INCLUDES
COURTHOUSE PROJECTS)**

H.R. 2590. Treasury and General Government Appropriations, 2002 (Cont'd.):

"... We also have, Mr. Chairman, an effort to try to address the accumulated backlog that is clogging up the court system. Federal courthouses are funded in this bill to the tune of \$326 million in construction, following the priorities laid out by the administration and the General Services Administration and the Administrative Offices of the Courts, to make sure that we are putting the funding where the courts are

most overcrowded. So this includes the funding for site acquisition, design and/or construction of some 15 court houses across the Nation, which is one beyond the number that was originally proposed by the President, but does follow the same priority list as everyone has agreed upon, including the administration..." (Istook, Pages H 4553-4)

Agreed To:

Istook amendment that consolidates appropriations for various accounts within Title III, Executive Office of the President;

Pages H 4570-1, D 773

Trafficant amendment No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that prohibits funds to any person or entity that have been convicted of violating the Buy American Act;

Pages H 4589-90, D 773

Frank amendment that prohibits payments to persons in positions which he or she has been nominated after the Senate has voted not to approve the nomination;

Pages H4590-2, D 773

Sanders amendment that prohibits the release of merchandise for which the United States Customs Service has a detention order on the basis that it was made by forced or indentured child labor;

Pages H 4593-4, D 773

Flake substitute amendment to the Smith of New Jersey amendment No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record that prohibits funding to administer the Cuban Assets Control Regulations with respect to any travel or travel related transaction (agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 270); and

Pages H 4599-H 4604, H 4607, D 773

Smith of New Jersey amendment No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, amended, that prohibits funding to administration of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations with respect to any travel or travel related transaction (the Smith amendment as originally offered prohibited the funding only after the President had certified that the Cuban government had released political prisoners and returned to United States jurisdiction all persons residing in Cuba who are sought for crimes of air piracy, narcotics trafficking, or murder.

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Rejected:

Wynn amendment that sought to prohibit funding to initiate the process of contracting out, outsourcing, privatizing, or converting any Federal Government services in contravention of Public Law 105-270, Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998;

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Filner amendment that sought to prohibit funding to implement the final report of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 273).

Pages H 4614-20, H4621, D 774

Point of Order Sustained Against:

Kucinich amendment No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that sought to establish a commission to oppose the privatization of Social Security.

Pages H4567-8, D 774

H.R. 2590. Treasury and General Government Appropriations, 2002 (Cont'd.):

By voice vote, rejected the Obey motion that the Committee rise and report the bill back to the House with the recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken out.

Pages H4583-4, D 774

H. Res. 206, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 293 yeas to 129 nays, Roll No. 267.

Committee Meetings:

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on *Medicare: The Need for Reform*.

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Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: **H.R. 2199**, District of Columbia Police Coordination Amendment Act of 2001; **H.R. 2291**, to extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program for an additional 5 years, to authorize a National Community Antidrug Coalition Institute; **H.R. 2456**, *to provide that Federal employees may retain for personal use promotional items received as a result of travel in the course of employment*; and **H.R. 2559**, to amend chapter 90 of *title 5, United States Code*, relating to Federal long-term care insurance.

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Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing on Biennial Budgeting.

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, July 26, 2001:

Committee on Appropriations, @ 10:00 a.m. To mark up the Legislative Branch appropriations for fiscal year 2002. 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, @ 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on "*How Do Businesses Use Customer Information: Is the Customer's Privacy Protected?*" 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 10:00 a.m. *Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on H.R. 2522, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2001.* 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Crime, hearing and markup of **H.R. 2621, Consumer Product Protection Act of 2001.** 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, executive, oversight hearing on Drug Interdiction. 2167 Rayburn.

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Remark:

Judge Rules Bonuses In Order In Wake Of California Power Shortage.

"...I yield back the fact that they should hire a proctologist to perform a brain scan on that Federal judge who is somewhere in Disney World..."

Traficant

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NEW PUBLIC LAW

*H.R. 2216, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. Signed on
July 24, 2001. (Public Law 107- 20)
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Next SENATE MEETING: Thursday, 12:00 p.m., July 26, 2001.
Next HOUSE MEETING: Thursday, 10:00 a.m., July 26, 2001.

OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich